

Hitler's Latest Hope

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BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TODAY the official curtain goes up on spring. We have been warned—and rightly so—to expect every desperate and unlikeliest contingency more than six months ago.

Yet more than one of his latest plans have been severely jolted in the last few days, and he has been reduced to considering alternative ploys.

A greater threat than they had ever believed possible is now facing the Nazi High Command as a result of the brilliant timing by the Russian General Staff in the development of their present offensive.

It has been planned to reach in break only now—anticipating and disorganizing the exact timetable raised by Hitler to start his own offensive.

In the next three weeks, Soviet attacks on all the key points from which Hitler had planned to launch his spring offensive may be heavier than any of the Nazis have yet experienced.

These Soviet thrusts are aimed at annihilating the forces which were to be the spearhead of the Nazi onslaught. The German divisions are tired and disoriented after three months of day and night fighting instead of being fresh and confident.

After making all allowances for the disciplined defense the Nazis will still undoubtedly put up, there is reason to think that the offensive of the Russian campaign in the next few weeks may not only deprive Hitler of the most important, but also of the most reliable German reserve divisions.

This is especially the case at Kharkov, Orel and Vyazma, whose loss would involve the defeat of a million Nazis, and whose prisoners would be a great deal more than the thousands of men who are being taken.

Should the Soviet strategy succeed, Hitler's spring offensive may well be still-born at its birth.

The Nazis can no longer hide their fear of the far-reaching consequences of a short-cutted spring offensive, and even this time the next gently by talking of summer instead of spring.

But behind it all he knows well that he did not rise up at the front, and failing that, at the rear, his prearranged troop and other concentrations in South-Eastern Europe, his old plan of a drive through Turkey has been rested.

His latest hope is to run round what he cannot break through, and I believe he has now definitely begun to turn the heat" on the Ankara position.

Behind him and for once unaided, urged that an early major victory—anywhere—was doubly necessary to strengthen morale and prevent a breakaway of the man-power demanded from satellite states.

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LOOKING FOR THE HUN

Brothers Were Arrested, Handcuffed Together, Held For Twelve Hours

HOME GUARD COURT-MARTIAL MENTAL SENSATION

TWO BROTHERS WHO HAD OBJECTED TO HOME GUARD CEREMONIAL, AND WERE ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN INSUBORDINATE AND TO HAVE REFUSED TO OBEY AN OFFICER'S ORDER, APPEARED BEFORE A FIELD-GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL AT CHESTER YESTERDAY.

It was the first time members of the Home Guard had been court-martialed on such charges.

The brothers—Joseph Ralph George, of Grove-end, Hale, and John Leslie George, of Ashfield, Altrincham—are now civilians. Both resigned from the 1st Battalion of the Cheshire Home Guard on February 7, and the resignations took effect 14 days later.

It was alleged, said to an officer: "I have no intention of parading with the guard, and his brother said: 'That goes for me, too.' Both refused to take their hands out of their pockets and it was alleged that Joseph said to 2nd Lieut. J. E. Chumbley, who was leading his hand with his cane: 'You bit me with that stick and see what happens to you. We are not standing any German methods here.'"

He kept his hands in his pockets because he had no further respect for Lieut. Chumbley. The case against Joseph Ralph George was conducted by court stating that they had no findings to announce.

The case against the other brother, John Leslie George, was conducted by court stating that they had no findings to announce.

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London's £125,000,000 "Target"

LONDON and 145 other areas are launching Warship Weeks beginning today pouring in the cash, to raise £150,000,000 for the cruiser Ekeker.

The target for the London area is £125,000,000. By 2 p.m. yesterday £27,310,160 had been received.

These are the last weeks in the National Savings Committee's warship campaign, which has been running since October 18.

In the provinces, Waterhempston has the largest objective, £125,000 to adopt the cruiser Ekeker.

Portsmouth and Plymouth are rivals. The Lord Mayor of Portsmouth has challenged the sister port. Each town aims at £120,000.

Reading also wants £120,000 for the cruiser Uganda, and Belfast £100,000 for the cruiser Ekeker. Exeter has increased its objective from £50,000 to £100,000 to replace the cruiser Ekeker.

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Saturday In Court!

MAN: There is such a chance of a fine after dinner that we are thinking of going to court.

Wife: I was thinking of going to court after dinner that we are thinking of going to court.

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Home Guards For Anti-Aircraft Batteries

A S a result of successful local experiments the War Office is to raise a large number of anti-aircraft batteries.

Recruiting will be opened at once for batteries, which will be based on existing Home Guard formations in London and many provincial centres.

Existing arrangements will be handled locally.

A look-out in one of our destroyers of the Tribal class at his post somewhere in the Northern latitudes.

NATIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD PLEA

N.U.R. Men Deplore Rail Chaos

DISCLAIMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR INEFFICIENCY ON THE RAILWAYS, LONDON RAILWAYMEN YESTERDAY CONSIDERED SENDING A DEPUTATION TO THE MINISTER OF WAR TRANSPORT TO PRESS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL TRANSPORT BOARD.

Before the conference, held by the London District Council, N.U.R., at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-st., was a resolution that railwaymen could no longer tolerate the waste of labour and materials that existed on the railways.

"While we do not accept blame for the present position," the resolution added, "we must take upon ourselves the responsibility for ending the present chaos and inefficiency."

The resolution, which was carried, called for the immediate setting up of a National Transport Board, including 10 representatives, with full powers, to be elected by the public, and the most economic use of all forms of transport.

Mr. G. B. Burrows, M.P., declared: "We shall, through sheer force of circumstances, get a National Transport Board and be compelled to take over the banks and the manufacture of steel."

The resolution was carried.

APPEAL AGAINST ME, SAYS JUDGE

"YOU would be doing a public service if you appealed against my decision," said Judge Atkinson at Edmonton County Court yesterday, to a seventy-year-old widow.

He awarded nominal damages of £1 to Mrs. Ursula Potter, of Park Road, Edmonton, who had sued for £20 damages for personal injuries caused when her kitchen falling on her.

The landlord promised to repair the ceiling, said the judge, but did not do so. Eight months later it fell, Mrs. Potter said under "breach of contract," but she had continued to use the kitchen, although aware that the ceiling was in a dangerous state, and thereby exposed herself to risk of injury.

MORE WHOOPING COUGH

Whooping cough cases again showed an increase for the week ended March 14. For the 125 great, whooping cough cases, the number of English cases was 131, compared with 68 the previous week. In Scotland, cases also jumped, 500 as against 492.

MEMBERS OF THE public who "want" extra ration, obtain clothing without coupons and generally offend in other ways against the control regulations are to be dealt with far more rigorously.

The Government intends to give them one last chance to "play fair," however.

And if this appeal goes unheeded, the Government will take a large scale with far more severe penalties in dealing with the "smart alecks" in the "want" extra ration.

Only a minority of the public is indulging in these "smart aleck" practices. But it is felt that the activities unless checked, may encourage the majority to break the law.

Buying eggs "on the side" from poultry farmers, to

There Are Folks Who're Hoarding Bullets!

WE all know that it's a grave offence to hoard in wartime—yet, patriotic people who wouldn't dream of hoarding food continue to hoard munitions!

This is exactly what everyone is doing who keeps stocks of surplus books, papers or magazines.

Almost every house, every office, every public building, every shop and old magazines which nobody ever reads.

The milking mills are hungry for this material, from which all sorts of munitions are made.

Salvage is now a key wartime industry. Every book, every paper, every magazine, every scrap of material, is a valuable asset.

Here is an example of the sort of thing that is being hoarded: "Turn your waste into weapons!" Can you better it?

Address your postcard to: "The People" (Salvage Section), 67, Long Acre, London, W.2.

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Women Died Like Flies

WOMEN DIED LIKE FLIES IN THE "BLACK HOLE" OF PARIS

NIGHTMARE conditions of a "Black Hole of Paris," where 3,000 women were herded by the Nazis in a disused barracks, and in a few months over 100 died, where in one night only there were 200 deaths from dysentery, have just been revealed by an English woman.

She is Mrs. Emily Bligh, a former courtesan who lived in Paris early in June 1940, with the intention of going on to Nice to join her husband.

She was arrested by the Gestapo and taken to a room which she described as a "black hole" where she was crowded with 3,000 women.

WASH TINS WITH MUD

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